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SUBJ: EXCHANGES: CULTURAL PRESENTATIONS: SAINT PAUL CHAMBER
ORCHESTRA

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1. EMBOFF MET WITH GOSKONTSERT OFFICIALS APRIL 23 DISCUSS REFTEL AND COMPARE DRAFT CONTRACTS. GOSK DRAFT CONTRACT IN EFFECT DIRECT TRANSLATION OF EMB DRAFT CONTRACT.
2. EMBOFF ONCE AGAIN STRESSED NEED FOR GOSK PROVIDE EMB WITH DETAILED TRANSPORTATION SCHEDULE TO PROPERLY EXAMINE VIABILITY OF TIGHT CONCERT SCHEDULE. GOSK APPEARS TO UNDERSTAND IMPORTANCE OF PROVIDING US WITH THIS INFORMATION, BUT INEXPERIENCED NEW OFFICIAL (VOITENKO) IS HAVING SOME PROFESSIONAL DIFFICULTIES. EMB IS CONVINCED HIGHER LEVEL GOS OFFICIALS APPLYING APPROPRIATE PRESSURES AND THAT SOVIETS WANT 20-CONCERT SCHEDULE IN TEN CITIES IF FEASIBLE.

3. RE DRAFT EMB/GOS CONTRACT:

A. ARTICLE I - LAST PARAGRAPH CHANGED TO READ "AN ADVANCE VISIT BY ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ORCHRESTRA TO THE USSR WILL TAKE PLACE STARTING APRIL 24, 1975, FOR UP TO TEN DAYS TO REVIEW
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PERFORMANCE SITES AND TOUR DETAILS."

B. ARTICLE II - ALL LANGUAGE PERTAINING TO MATINEES CUT OUT, SINCE NO RPT NO MATINEES PLANNED FOR TOUR.

C. ARTICLE IV - PARA. 1. GIVEN THAT TOUR PLANNED FOR WINTER MONTHS, WOULD DEPT PERMIT FLEXIBILITY IN LANGUAGE, NAMELY "18-20 PERFORMANCES FOR THE GROUP IN 9-10 CITIES?" REVISED DUE DATE IS NOW "MAY 1, 1975."

D. ARTICLE IV - PARA. 3. EMBASSY TRYING TO GET LANGUAGE INSERTED TO TRY INCREASE NUMBER OF BOOKLETS PRODUCED.

E. ARTICLE IV - PARA. 4. NOTE HAS BEEN TAKEN THAT MENTION OF HARPSICHORD (KLAVIKORDY) MISSING FROM PARA. 4, AND GOSK IS LOOKING FOR THE. FYI: GOSK HAS PREVIOUSLY BEEN LOOKING FOR A KLAVESIN (CEMBALO), A LINGUISTIC MISTAKE WHICH EMBOFF POINTED OUT GOSK HAD PREVIOUSLY MADE DURING SAN FRANCISCO ORCHESTRA NEGOTIATIONS. END FYI.

F. ARTICLE IV - PARA. 7. EMBOFF CHANGED LAST SENTENCE TO READ "MEAL TIMES AND MENUS WILL BE AGREED UPON BY THE GOSKONTSERT TOUR MANAGER, THE EXCORT AND THE GROUP MANAGEMENT."

G. ARTICLE IV - PARA. 9. IT WILL BE IMPOSSIBLE GIVEN PRESENT SOVIET SYSTEM OBTAIN DEFINITIVE LIST OF HOTELS DURING VENITELLI'S VISIT. WE WILL SUBMIT LIST OF OUR PREFERENCES HOWEVER TO GOSK AND MINCULT.

H. ARTICLE IV - PARA. 10. ADDS "FULL" TO FREE DAY AND LISTS THESE AS NOVEMBER 25, DECEMBER 1, 9 AND 18.

I. ARTICLE IV - PARA. 13 CONCLUDES WITH "AN AUTOMOBILE FOR THE LEADERS OF THE ORCHESTRA."

J. ARTICLE IV - PARA. 17. DEPT WRONG IN ITS ASSUMPTION THIS SECTION INTENDED FOR TICKET PURCHASE BY ORCHESTRA. THIS SECTION FOR EMBASSY PRESENTATION. HOWEVER, GOSK AGREES TO "PROVIDE THE GOVERNMENT WITH UP TO 24 GOOD TICKETS", ETC. TO ACCOMMODATE ORCHESTRA IN ITS DESIRE PURCHASE TICKETS FOR ITS PERSONAL USE. EMB WILL EXPLAIN OUR NEEDS TO VENITELLI AND CLARIFY WHAT NEEDS OF ORCHESTRA WILL BE.

K. ARTICLE V - PER CONCERT FEE (SUBJECT TO DEVALUATION OF THE DOLLAR) OF DOLS 500/500R HAS BEEN INSERTED IN FINAL CONTRACT. STOESEL

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